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A STORM.

BY H. E. BARNETT.

'Twas dark: the land in mournful silence,
Her gloomy curtain hung;
Above, around the wide expanse,
A dismal aspect flung;
When solemnly the distant air,
The tatoo hymn did sound,
And the marshal steps of comrades fair,
Were echoed from the ground.

A veteran had died: he died
His nation's pride to save;
And now its grateful thanks were sigh'd
In music to his grave.
And piercing grief his mother's heart,
Did true affection draw;
She silent gave but only part,
To nature's awful law.

A child remained to watch her day
To look to for relief,
She now upon his shoulder lay
Expressing all her grief.
They both behind the fun'ral bier
Did bend their aching heads;
And noiseless moved onward where
Mankind is laid when dead.

As onward to the grave they plod,
Their sad and tearful way,
And hoping in their hearts to God,
To shelter find that day;
Still darker did the way appear,
As they solemn grew and sage:
For quick and fast and far and near,
The threaten'd storm did rage.

Sirocco-like the wind did blow;
In torrents fell the rain;
The forest pines both tall and low,
Bent down and rose again.
The lightning flash'd, and all its rays
The place did flush with light;
The thunder belch'd, and now the day,
Once more appear'd like night.

Again the forked lightning flashed,
The angry wind did blow;
Now hail and rain together dashed
Against the land below.
The raging storm within its reach,
Made waste and bare the land;
The sea did smash near to the beach,
The sails that could not stand.

For shelter did the beast of prey,
With angry cry and howl,
Descend the hills and mountains' way,
Like some swift winged fowl;
Upon their backs the hail did beat,
The oaks beside them fell;
The burning pines and singeing heat,
Increased their horrid yell.

Then silently the riven clouds
From each began to stray;
The place put off its duller shrouds
And wore a lighter gray.
And still the dark and misty sight
More bright and brighter grew,
Till all at once a clearer light
Disclosed itself to view.

And now the last sad solemn rite
Of Christian burial came;
Within the vault from human sight
The dead was hid with shame.
He served his Country, but his God
He from his heart absolved;
He fought for fame, and on the sod
He died for what he loved.

OUT DOORS IN SUMMER.

BY "JOYCE."

The world is always in its prime. It is always beautiful, glowing, soul-inspiring; as our poet Longfellow happily expressed it—

"With what a glory comes and goes the year!"

Each season possesses its own delights, and the share of discomforts it must necessarily bring, to give a touch of reality to the fact that we live on a planet where "life is but an empty dream." Well might one be tempted to exclaim with the boy in the story with a moral: "I wish it were always"—whatever it is!

"Whatever it is, is right!"

Surely whatever *God* ordains is right. No other climate or season would prove as advantageous and agreeable as that which is so much complained of as "too hot," "too cold," "too wet," "too dry."

The "heated term" has now arrived when devotees of Fashion must needs betake themselves to the springs, the mountains, or the seaside, where society leaders, as mute advertisers of the pecuniary prosperity of their masculine relations, flash their diamonds at midnight ball and sweep their silken trains through carpeted halls. All who fain would follow in the wake of these belles do not spend the "season" in a like manner. Ah! reader, are you not acquainted with the novel method adopted by modern, necessity-made economists? Darken the front parlors and chambers, by tightly closed doors and hermetically-sealed shutters; close the piano; hush the sound of merriment; lounge around in slippers, easy wrappers and favorite curl-papers, and order the polite waiting-maid to announce to the formal visitor that "madam is out of town."

Do you really want to spend your summer vacation where you can rest and enjoy yourself, where you can for a time be as free and indolent, and happy as a non-society man may wish to be? Then shun these popular resorts, whose inmates one could easily believe exist on a lavish allowance of undiluted oxygen; and seek some sequestered nook amid rural scenes. Here, free from the "duties we owe to our fellow beings"—of the club and parlor, we wander at will through fields of ripening grain, receiving a lesson from the honest toil and simple content of the farmer and his workmen; down lanes where gleams of sunny rays lead to unknown brightness; into deep, cool woods with their wealth of spreading foliage.

The caroling of birds in neighboring groves is a *reveille* that might arrest the listlessness of a bead-counting devotee, and inspire him with a gush of real feeling, a strain breathing praise to the Giver of all good. Shut in the shade from homes and houses, fields and fallows beyond, we seem drawn forth by a protecting Hand for communion with Nature in one of her brightest moods. The sun shines through on patches of fresh, damp moss, like gleams of gold on an emerald sea; and, glancing aside, its brightness makes rainbows of tiny drops of dew on tender blades of grass. Its light reveals dainty coverlets of spider's web, spread on glossy, green leaves, clinging caressingly as though loth to cease to beautify that which is so charmingly fairy-like without them.

Through these vast repositories of plants and flowers, botanists love to wander; where green things innumerable grow, and great banks of violets rear their modest bloom in hues of sun and sky. Wordsworth mentions;

"A violet, by a mossy stone
Half hidden from the eye,
Fair as a star when only one
Is shining in the sky."

Daisies with pure white petals encircling a heart of gold, throng one's pathway and cause the feet to turn instinctively aside, dreading to crush the little life from so beauteous a thing. Ivy blossoms, with a pink like the faint flush of a morning sky, draw the eyes to their height; honeysuckles scent the air with delicious fragrance; and, towering above all these, are the mighty forest trees, among which ranks conspicuously the oak, that "monarch of the wood"—so strong, so mighty, so high, like noble men among the nations. Here one great oak, on the side of a ravine, breasts the storms with one half of its roots bare and brown, and exposed on the rocky steep; but, on the other side, the vital portion dives deep down into the earth and draws forth the sustenance needed, like dutiful children recompensing the neglect of their wayward brothers. The trunk of another, rugged and worn and dead, serves as a hive for busy bees that "gather honey all the day from every opening flower." Insects of woody habitation, intent on duties of the day, dart by with noisy buzz. Butterflies lazily flash their wings of brilliant colors; and, after draughts of dew-distilled nectar from fragrant flowers, the the throats of warbling songsters seem in sweetest tune. It is a pretty fancy of an American poetess that butterflies are disembodied spirits of early springtime flowers.

Crushing the music, making twigs under foot, as we approached the brook we startle the timid squirrel that had drooped its pretty head to drink. And, with a slight shade of disappointment, we watch it scamper away into the thickest coverts. What melody lives in the rippling waters! What beauty in the scene of white stones underlying! and with what never-ceasing admiration we note the silver-gleaming fish dart in the current.

"And I have a notion
All beautiful motion
Itself a sweet melody makes."

After a walk amid such surroundings, the city boarder might return to his rural residence, and devour his morning repast of snowy rolls and golden butter and delicious milk, with a hearty appreciation of the culinary skill and a self satisfied assurance of the wisdom of his morning occupation.

"Nature never did betray
The heart that loved her. 'Tis her privilege
Through all the years of all this our life, to lead
From joy to joy! for she can so inform
That is within us, so impress
With quiteness and beauty, and so feed
With lofty thoughts, that neither evil tongues,
Rash judgments, nor the sneer of selfish men,
Nor greetings where no kindness is, nor all
The dreary intercourse of daily life
Shall e'er prevail against us, to disturb
Our cheerful faith that all which we behold
Is full of blessings.

EDUCATION IN AFRICA.

Some of the leading inhabitants of Sierra Seone are of late, becoming much interesting in regard to the education of their youth. Hitherto, missionary societies have supplied gratuitously that part the of education, which the government failed to give. But notwithstanding this, there is much discontent among the more intelligent, about the education of the masses. It is now the table talk among the thinking people of that colony, that the general education of all classes in the community is very poor. They have sent many young men to Europe to study; but they consider the education of these very meagre also. It is said that two hundred natives have been sent from Sierra Seone to England to be educated: but after they return to the colony, very few of them put their educationto any use. The scholars have failed to come up to the expectation of those who sent them away: and the inhabitants seem to think, that their education "has been purposeless," for though they are supposed to be cultured, they exercise no influence for the welfair of their country. And now some of the more influential are endeavoring to detect the causes of this "backwardness." The parents are now convinced that their children must be educated at home, if they are to be beneficial to their country in the future. They think the risk of life and health, in colder latitudes is too great for their children. One of their devines, Rev. Mr. Johnson, at an examination at the Wesleyan Female Institution a few weeks ago, remarked, "many of our youth in quest of knowledge abroad die from the severity of the climate, and many more return with an irremediable injury to their constitution, to pine away in sickly existence at home." For the female youth this condition of things is more serious then even for the males. Hence the people become so aroused to education, that there is now established in Sierra Leone an institution known as the Wesleyan Female Seminary. This institution was organized by a company known as the Wesleyan Female Educational company. They are share holders in this institution. We are glad to say that a clergyman, Rev. M. Godman "first suggested an additional female school in the colony. It is said to be "the first serious attempt made by the natives toward self support." The prospects of this new institution are very encouraging, and the number of scholars which they have is so great that the building which they now occupy is too small for them.

It is gratifying to us to learn that the people of Sierra Leone, are making such earnest efforts, to educate their children in their own country. For this is far better than to send them away, for when they remain at school in foreign lands, they are very likely to learn to love the laws and customs of other nations; and besides loosing their health, they often loose respect for the institutions of their native country. We expect this to be the result from the fact that we have known colored scholars here in our own country who studied for a long time under white teachers, imagine that colored teachers were incompetent to instruct them. And such scholars are numerous, who hold such opinions. We are glad to state that here in the National Capitol there is very little if any of that sentiment a many colored teachers are in the colored schools. Hence if the inhabitants of Sierra Leone desire to bring up men who will love their laws and country, and honor them in the future; let them educate their youth at home. Now when we see these people who are our brethren, so solicitious about educating their children, we think the time is not for distant, when "Ethiopia shall suddenly stretch out her hands unto God."

THE SEA ISLANDS.

THE PROGRESS OF THE POPULATION.

The relations between the races, and the condition of the colored people on the Island is reported as the most gratifying and progressive. Day labor is becoming scarce, owing to the improvement in the condition of the laborers. Colored men who, ten years ago worked as field hands for fifty cents a day, now own their own lands and earn a comfortable support from them. Every inducement is offered by the planters to the colored laborers to settle on their places. On some of the Islands laborers work two days in the week for the planter who gives him a house and seven or eight acres for himself; on other he works one and a half acres of the planters land for the use of five acres for himself. On John's Island, the colored people own 4,300 acres, on James Island, 1,600 acres, on Wadmalaw, 500 acres and on Edisto they have 4,000 acres, and make two-thirds of the entire cotton crop of the Island. In 1872, a co-operative association of thirty-five colored men purchased a tract of 750 acres on Edisto Island, for $6,000. Their agent, Mr. John Thorne, is now one of the most prominent colored planters on the Island, owning 250 acres, an extensive store and store-house, and a comfortable residence. He runs a gin house with six gins, advances capital to colored planters, and is worth from $15,000 to $20,000. The progress of education is said to be encouraging. Schools are provided on each of the Islands named, and are increasing in numbers and attendance. With the increase in prosperity and education, there is corresponding improvement in morals. The planters on Wadmalaw and Edisto say that they do not even have to lock their doors at night. The colored people as a general thing, do not accumulate much money, but they seldom live beyond their means, and show much honor and promptness in paying up their debts. A gentleman who has advanced to colored planters for several years, says in all that time he never lost $25, which was more than he could say for his white debtors. Intemperance seems to be the greatest obstacle to their progress, and this with ignorance to the laws of health keeps down the population, which is thought to have not increased since 1866. A superstition is said to prevail to some extent among them, that killing the cotton worm is sinful, and they are behind the white planters in the management of their land. On the other hand the *Courier's* correspondent says that "their mode of cultivation, while it is not so perfect as that of the white planters, is very similar, and as the whites improve, the Negro improve with them. It is a fact that cannot be disputed that the leading colored planters on Edisto Island to-day carry the cultivation of their land to a higher perfection than did their masters before the war." As the *Courier* remarks, the facts show "the fundamental truth that where the whites succeed and prosper, the freedmen, under the influence of their example, succeed and prosper likewise."

This remarkable report gives the most encouraging indications for the future of the South, the progress of the colored people and the solution of the race problem; and certainly no better illustration could be found of the advantages of free labor.—*The Workman.*

There is another thing we remember, and will forever remember—our allies. When we began the great struggle we looked over the arms of white rebels and saw four millions of black people condemned to toil and work for our enemies, and we found that the hearts of all those blacks were a good support, and that they were greatly inspired with the spirit of liberty, and they were all our friends. (Cheers.) We have seen white men betray the flag and fight to kill the Union, but through all that long trial we never saw a traitor in a black skin. (Cheers.) Your prisoners fleeing from the darkness and starvation of a prison life, making their way North by the aid of the North Star, were never afraid to enter a black man's cottage and ask for a piece of bread. In all that dreadful conflict no Union soldier was ever betrayed by a black man, and so long as we live we will stand by our black allies. (Loud and long continued cheering.) We shall stand by them until the sun shines down upon every man having equal rights, whether he be black or whether he be white. (Loud cheers.) Fellow citizens and fellow soldiers, in this there is no difference, int his there is all the beneficence of eternal justice, and by this we will stand forever.—*Gen. Garfield in New York.*

YOUNG MANHOOD.

We have read with great care and interest the very able address on "Young Manhood," delivered by William E. Matthews Esq. of this city delivered to the literary society of Wilberforce College. It is elegant in diction, profound in research, rich in illustrations, wise in instruction, sagacious in direction and practical throughout.

Rarely have we seen so much knowledge and wisedom displayed in an address by one of our own race to our young men, nor such practical direction given and illustrated to them. Truly those young men and all other whose good fortune it may be to read it, cannot be otherwise than encouraged and inspired to go out into the world and grapple with its cares, difficulties, and problems, with the hope of success, having these words of practical wisdom hid in their hearts. They will help them brave the storms, properly steer their course, and finally attain the haven of success. We most heartily recommend all young men who have not read the address to secure it *immediately.* Read it and reread it until every thought is indelibly impressed upon your souls, and then follow the directions given.—*Light Bearer.*

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of Ohio.

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CHESTER A. ARTHUR,
of New York.

We are under many obligations to Mr. Solomon G. Brown for the Smithsonian Report for 1878.

If the Democrats of Indiana change about front and get their judges to reverse their late opinion and do away with their October election, it will not save them from their fate. Their doom is sealed.

There never was a more eloquent appeal to the young men of the country than that General Garfield made last fall. It is a gem of eloquence worthy to be treasured with the best specimens of American oratory.

After all we commend this question to the consideration of our ministers. Do not these large camp meetings really do more harm in many ways than good? Bro. Tanner, *please* do not call us over virtuous for making this inquiry!

The Indianapolis *Leader* in entering its second volume certainly presents a very healthy appearance. We should say that it bids fair to become to the central Western States what the weekly *Anglo-African* was about fifteen years ago. In its local news from the neighboring cities of Cleveland, Cincinnati, Evansville and hosts of smaller burgs, it is all that can be desired.

Our thanks are due Mr. W. H. L. Combs, Grand Scribe of the Sons of Temperance, Virginia, for a copy of their proceedings for the year 1879; for the journal of the 25th annual session of the National Division held in this city last year, and for a copy of an address by the Representatives of the Religious Socitey of Friends on Intemperance.

We welcome into the arena the *Semi-Weekly Mansion*, published at Little Rock, Ark., by C. O. Jacko and H. K. Pittmore, colored men, and devoted to the interest of education. The *Mansion* appears to be the advocate of the greenbackers. Go it just as fast as you can, you'll find it just the same in Arkansas as in Alabama.

Prof. Sampson is reaping a marvelous success with his new book. He is now on his sixth thousand. It It keeps him busy selling and otherwise disposing of this work. If he had an agent here it would sell like hot cakes. We just displayed one at a picnic the other day and it set the young ladies, and old ones too, fairly wild.

That was a rousing Republican ratification meeting at the City Hall on Thursday night last. It was the largest meeting of a political nature that has been here for twenty years. The speeches were stalwart, the resolutions were ringing, and the enthusiasm burning. Mr. Clapp presided, with a long list of vice-presidents and secretaries. Speeches were made by Secretary Sherman, Judge Freeman, Prof. R. T. Greener, Dr. C. B. Purvis and others.

The Democrats are so bitter in their family quarrels in Virginia that all hopes of compromise are at an end. If the Republicans are shrewd and active they will elect four if not five members to Congress and give the electoral vote to Garfield. It can be "did."

We note that there has been more of the Emancipation Day Celebration this year than is generally the case. In the West, the North and the Snoth, the first of August has been remembered. In New Orleans Col. Dumont improved the opportunity to give some very practical suggestions relative to the employment of colored seamen in the profitable, tropical trade of that section. We trust that September 22nd will be as graciously remembered, and that throughout the entire country the opportunity will be improved for similar exercises.

It is encouraging always to hear of the progress of education among our people, and especially in the South. The trustees of the Arkansas Industrial University recently appropriated $300 for the purpose of purchasing ground and erecting a suitable building for the Branch Colored Normal Institute located at Pine Bluff. That is good; let our youth learn trades as well as books and that will help us to rise a great deal faster. For we need men of trades among us as well as men with a first class education.

Bob Ingersoll began his speech at Gloucester by saying every thing that is good has to be defended and taken care of, while every thing that is bad will take care of itself. Bob is an infidel, but he told the truth that time.

The Presidential campaign is now fairly started by some of the leading speakers of the country. Bob Ingersoll sends up a boom in Gloucester, Mass., and Gen. Logan, of Illinois, another in Ruckland, Maine. Now is the time for the Republicans to be united; now is the time for them to begin work in dead earnest; now is the time to send the best colored Republican speakers North and the best white Republican speakers South; now is the time to make a charge on the enemy; now is the time to open fire all along the line and put the antagonists to flight—sloth and division will be our ruin; but diligence and union will be our salvation.

The horribe outrage committed in Clayton county, Georgia, a short time since, is one of frequent occurrence in the South. The house of a poor helpless colored man is broken open at midnight by white desperadoes, and he is horribly beaten with clubs and his skull is broken; his boy is shot in the side, his wife is left bleeding and dying, and his daughter is shot in the bed by her two babes. Such inhuman acts are enough to make the angels of the lower regions blush. And yet Hancock's party can look upon such wicked deeds as these with great complacency, and say well done good and faithful servants, continue to do so until next November and we will make you rulers of the United States; and in the face of all this we hear occasionally of some of our own people, for the sake of a few pennies, turning traitors to their race and advocating the cause of the Democrats. They seem to forget this fact, that they are selling their birthright for a mess of pottage, and when it is once sold they will never be enabled to find it again, though they may seek it carefully with tears. These men are the discontented Israelites who are always crying after the leeks and onions and the flesh pots of Egypt.

In a great city like this there are many temptations into which young people fall. Intemperance seems to be the greatest of these for young men, and some of our people seem to be as fond of strong drink as any other class of people, and they often manifest great boldness in taking the poisonous beverage.

Tuesday we saw four of our young men on the train having what they call a good time with a bottle of rum. First one would take a drink and then annther, and from the way they were acting it seemed as if nothing else in this world could give them so much happiness as that alcohol they were pouring into their systems. Little did these young men think while they were drinking that they were preparing themselves for the insane asylum, if they do not soon stop the wicked habit. Little did they think that they were drinking down red hot flames that will consume them in a few years, and serpents that will haunt them when the lamp of life begins to burn with a dim luster. O, mothers and fathers, teach your children, and especially your sons, as soon as they begin to climb your knees, the great danger of intemperance!

Brother Tanner dubs us as a "most virtuous contemporary" and likens us unto Jehu and as attempting to kill every other colored newspaper enterprise in the District." Only by a most violent stretch of the imagination can he characterize a little pastime with *one* individual connected with *one* paper, said to be published here, but really printed both inside and outside elsewhere—probably in Philadelphia—as a war on all the colored newspaper enterprises of the District.

Brother Tanner has time and again, if we mistake not, urged upon his denomination the wisdom of supporting the *Recorder* rather than three or four sickly church publications. That was good policy, at least in the past. If true of the A. M. E. Church with its hundreds of thousands of members scattered all over the country, is it not more so of Washington City? While still believing this we have not "harped on it." On the contrary, to every honorable man who embarks on the rough journalistic sea, we are ever ready to extend an open hand; but we can not, we will not to men who have no regard for principle, first on this side, then on that, and who are ever ready to prey on the ignorance and credulity of the people. Condemnation for this certainly does not come from the same hand and heart that indited "Grass widows and men with two wives," found in the editorial columns of the *Recorder*. Does it, Brother Tanner?

PERSONAL.

Hon. J. T. Rapier is prospecting in Kansas.

Prof. C. A. Neale, late of Allegheny, Pa., died a few days ago at Frederick, Md. He was one of the most prominent colored men of the country.

Hon. W. A. Pledger, of the Athens "Blade," returned from New York on Tuesday, where he looked into matters and things. Pledger says he has graduated this time—been to New York—we suppose that's the reason.

Mrs. Martha D. Harris and sister (Josephine Hutton,) of South Washington, left the city for Portsmouth, Norfolk and the capes, this morning. The ladies will remain at Norfolk during next week. Mrs. Noble Snowden, of South Washington, will accompany Mrs. Harris.

Hon. and Mrs. J. H. Smyth and daughter left here Friday, 13th inst., for Philadelphia, en route for New York. He sailed last Thursday in the Adriatic, of the White Star Line. In London he will be joined by Dr. Blyden.

Our thanks are due Mr. W. H. Judson Malvin for a copy of an autobiography of his father, John Malvin, containing an authentic account of his fifty years' struggle in the State of Ohio in behalf of the American slave, and the equal rights of all men before the law without reference to race or color; forty-seven years of said time being expended in the city of Cleveland.

Miss Rose Clinton left for Zanesville, Ohio, Wednesday night, 17th instant. Miss Clinton was in the city about four weeks, and her stay was exceedingly pleasant. No stranger in the city during the summer made more friends than Miss Clinton. She is quite modest, yet dignified; and this is the great reason that she had so many admirers. The night she left for Zanesville quite a number of friends accompanied her to the depot. Among them were Dr. Fancis, Mr. Matthews, Mr. J. H. Meriweather and Miss Beckley.

BALTIMORE NOTES

The camp meeting at Asbury Grove took the lead in visitors last Sunday. Fully 15,000 persons were present, including two or three thousand whites, and the day was pleasantly spent. Baltimore was entirely deserted. The churches looked in vain for their congregations and the streets wished for their gaiety. The camp was the town talk all of the week. One could not meet another unless the question, "Are you going to the camp?" was extended. Fourteen trains, crowded to the uttermost, arrived at the grove during the day. Your correspondent murmured to himself, as the swift footed engine hurled him through meadow and vale: "Oh! that our people had such an enterprise!"

On the camp ground, while 10,000 listened to the eloquent sermons of Revs. Holmes, Carroll and Riddick, 5,000 were rusticating in the fields of waving green and enjoying the shady groves with which the place is surrounded. Fully fifty or more tents could be seen with the name of the holder stationed in front. The ground was beautifully laid off in streets and avenues, affording easy access to any spot one desired to go. About 3 o'clock, when the train arrived, and its thousands merged in with the thousands already present, one could scarcely get standing room. Amidst "How do you do," and the dust which grayed the girl of sweet 16 and made an old man out of a fop, your correspondent found his way to the preacher's stand, and upon arriving found Rev. Holmes, of Sharp Street Church delivering a most instructive and impressive sermon. The "hallelujahs and praise God" were lost in the din of thousands of voices welcoming their friends and endeavoring to make it pleasant for them. It was a sight to behold the moving masses and the tented earth from an elevated position. The gaiety that once decked the streets of Baltimore had been transferred for the time being to Asbury Grove. The young men appeared in all things calculated to attract, and the ladies in all things that had the power to legerdemain. Among the many visitors present were Miss A. E. Abel, of Washington, and Mr. and Mrs. Willson, of Philadelphia. The country round about was stripped of its inmates, and the carts, wagons and carriages which lined the grounds were almost innumerable. When night dropped her dark curtain and shut out the beautiful light of the sun, the moon first sent forth her children with their twinkle, twinkle, twinkle. Later in the evening this orb of night was brilliant and bright, like an electric light fixed in the firmament. At this juncture the sharp, shrill voice of Rev. J. H. Riddick was heard in the pulpit, warning sinners and strengthening Christians. It was a great effort of the little preacher, and he was given the usual attention throughout. The lamps on the ground were constructed of wood, giving full light to every one who desired to come beneath their rays. The ingoing trains struggled until 2 o'clock Monday morning, carrying their freight of human souls to their respective places of abode. There were incidents connected with that day that no one can easily forget; and such a concourse of people, armed in the holy cause of Christ, certainly means business. The day was quietly spent, so far as disturbance is concerned, and every one appeared to have a nice time.

The Madison Street Presbyterian Church will give an excursion to Irving Park, early in September, for the benefit of those who have been unable to enjoy themselves at such on account of business or other agements. It will be a fine affair, and will no doubt be largely attended. We invite our Washington friends to meet us on the half-way ground.

The St. Paul Lyceum, at its next meeting, will nominate new officers and discuss the question: "Was John Brown worthy of his fate?" A spirited time is expected, as both of the disputants have gone earnestly to work.

Big Sam, the City Hall bell, which strikes the hours of the day, and which has been silent for two months, began her duty last week. As the old bell, with its iron tongue and brazen mouth, struck the hour of 8, it was quite a surprise to many who had said: "Curfew will not ring to-night.,"

PERSONAL.

Mr. Henry Jakes and James A. Harris left for Chicago, to attend the great Knight Templar's reunion.

Miss Mattie Coates and Mrs. Margaret Ward left on Monday for a month's sojourn at Union Bridge.

Miss Laura Saunders has gone to spend two weeks in Philadelphia, believing that such a trip will be beneficial to her health.

Messrs. W. T. McGwinn and G. R. Waller will leave here September 1 for Lincoln University, where they will enter as students until graduated.

Mr. Robert Frazier returned on Tuesday from Cambridge, in company with Mr. Devine, where they pleasantly spent two weeks.

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The grandest social and Masonic event that has occurred among the colored society circles of this city will, perhaps, be given on Thursday, the 12th instant, in honor of the members of the Supreme Council of the Sov. Grr. Inspector General of the Thirty-third Degree of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons of the United States and its dependencies. It will not only be of interest to those who shall participate, but also to those who shall be fortunate enough to witness it. It is the first Grand Council of these Masonic dignitaries that has ever been held in this city, (by their term the Valley of Chicago,) and it promises to be the acme of social pleasure to the friends of the craft and fraternal greetings to the brethren themselves. The affair will be of duplex interest, from the fact that St. George's Commandery will make their *debut*, and also the officers of the Consistory will be duly installed.

The following are the visiting notables who will be present and deliver addresses: Insp. Dr. W. P. Ray, 33°, M. P. S. C. of New York; Insp. William L. Dutton, 33°, P. L. C. C. of New York; Ills. S. R. Scrottron, 32°, of Illinois; Insp. Patrick H. Reason, 33°, Grand Secretary General of New York, and Ills. Deputy of Ohio R. F. Wake, 33°.

Besides these, there will be several others from other points to witness the event. A good, competent committee have the matter in charge, and have issued several hundred invitations, and they are sparing no pains to make it a memorable event in the history of the colored Masons of this city.—*The Republican Advocate, Chicago, Ill.*

A Masonic Law Suit.

The Grand Consistory of the Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret (32°) of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, filed a bill of complaint in the Circuit Court, to-day, against William L. Dutton, Peter W. Ray, S. R. Scottron, Patrick H. Reason and R. F. Walse. The complainant represented that on the 9th of March, 1880, the Supreme Council of the Grand Orient, and the Grand Commander of the Holy Empire of the 33° and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, granted to it the right to institute, inaugurate, regulate and inspect Venerable Grand Lodges of Perfection, 14°; Council of Princes of Jerusalem, 16°; Chapters of Rose Croix, 18°, and Councils of Knights of Kadosh, 30°, and to make Masons after the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in any of the several grades, from the 4° to and including the 32°, in and for the Valley of Illinois, and to hold the Sublime Consistory at Chicago, with authority to perform all things lawfully belonging to regular bodies of that degree. The Council which granted this power is the only one authorized to allow its exercise in the United States, and the complainant is the only one that has received authority to exercise the power in this State. The complainant is entitled to receive from each person initiated $30, and for the other degrees about $15. In order to obtain this right it had to pay $500. The defendants, the bill alleges, have obtained the secrets of complainants, and claim and pretend to be members of such Order in the Eastern Jurisdiction of New York; and they falsely pretend to have the right to institute regular and inspect Perfection, 14°; Jerusalem, 16°; Rose Croix Heirdom, 18°, and Knights of Kadosh, 30°, and to make Masons in any of the several grades—from the 4° to the 32°—in Illinois, and to open and hold the Grand Consistory; all of which is to the great and irreparable damage and standing of complainant. Upon its request, Judge Rogers granted an injunction restraining the defendants named from acting as aforesaid, both in granting the degrees and in holding the Consistory.—*The Chicago Journal, Aug. 7.*

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LOCAL.

—Societies and Churches desiring local notices of their entertainments and other special exercises in order to ensure the same should send complimentary tickets.

—Mr. Judd Malvin is still in Cleveland.

—Mrs. Charles F. Murray is at Newport.

—A camp meeting is in progress at Sandy Springs.

—Miss Pauline Knott is visiting friends in Virginia.

—What will St. Luke's people do for music in the Fall?

—Friend Murray is Mr. Nimmo's "right-hand man."

—The Misses Victoria Tompkins and Alice M. Parke are at Glen Falls, N. Y.

—M. M. Holland spoke at Leesburg, Va., last Saturday.

—J. Harry Smith is very successful in the practice of the law.

—Frank Freeman received the degree of Master Mason, last Friday evening.

—Our friend William D. Kelley is at Leavenworth, Kan., doing remarkably well.

—Governor Pinchback and family are at Saratoga, enjoying excellent health.

—Mrs. Francis Upsher has returned from Portsmouth, feeling well and hearty.

—Our young friend Milton Park is visiting Boston.

—William Gwinn and lady are at Windsor, Vermont.

—Samuel J. Ireland died in New Orleans on the 2d instant.

—The nights hereabouts are delightfully cool. A blanket is very comfortable.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Harlan are very happy. It is a girl this time.

—Miss Rachel Roberts, of Baltimore, has been visiting this city, the guest of Mrs. Jas. T. Jackson.

—Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Renfro have returned from Fortress Monroe, well pleased with their trip.

—J. H. Smith has been appointed assistant messenger in the Register's office, at a salary of $720 per annum.

—Miss Carrie A. Mason and Miss Mary Branson have gone to Charleston, W. Va., to spend a few weeks with their friends.

—Mr. Edgar Beckley and family, of Alexandria, Va., have removed permanently to this city.

—Miss Helen Jackson is visiting Atlantic City. She will also visit Newport and Saratoga before her return home.

—Friend P. W. Bryant fills acceptably an important position in the Custom House at Key West, Florida.

—The Misses Moten Sumerville, Julia Brooks and Laura Fisher are among the guests at Harper's Ferry.

—Summer wanderers are beginning to come home. The avenue is more crowded and animated.

—Our genial friend Spencer Murray, Jr., of the Bureau of Statistics, was promoted last week by the Hon. Secretary of the Treasury.

—Rev. J. W. Stevenson, of Union Bethel Church, has gone North, on a begging tour for his church.

—Mrs. Edward Sythe, of Baltimore, was called to this city during the week, owing to the illness of Mrs. Montague.

—A new military organization has been started, with George D. Graham captain. We wish it success.

—Our thanks are due Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Proctor, of Rockville, Md., for an invitation to the "closing of the season of 1880," on Thursday evening, the 2d prox.

—The Bureau of Commerce and Navigation and the Statistical Bureau were consolidated some time ago, with the Hon. Mr. Nimmo as chief.

—Do not fail to patronize the camp meeting of the C. M. E. Church, at Seneca. It begins to-day, and will close on Monday, August 30,

—Miss E. V. Chase and the Misses Lulu, Bine and Ettie Countee have been summering with their aunt, Mrs. Waters, at Fair View, near Sandy Springs, Maryland.

—The Rev. Mr. Cunningham, one of the oldest divines in the Episcopal Church, is officiating at St. Luke's, in the absence of Dr. Crummell.

—Cards are out for the annual pic-nic of the Americus Club of New Orleans, James D. Kennedy, President. An orchestra of sixteen pieces will furnish the music.

—Jeremiah D. Baltimore, a very prominent young man of South Washington, has been appointed machinist and engineer in charge of the engineer's department of the Freedmen's Hospital, from August 1, 1880.

—The name of Dr. Sumby must be added to the list of the colored physicians mentioned in our last issue who keeps a horse and buggy. He has been a successful practitioner for years.

—Miss Estelle V. Wood, the organist of Asbury Church, and Miss Parthenia Woodson, will return home, in a few weeks, from where they have been spending the summer—at White Sulphur Springs.

—A musical combination, with Madame Selika as soloist and Wallace King as tenor, is now in preparation for the coming season An alto, bass and quartette soprano of well known musical powers have also been engaged.

—A letter from Mr. George W. Moore, of Alabama, gives a detailed account of the sad accident to Prof. G. L. White, manager of the Jubilee Singers, at Chalauqua, N. Y. The singers finished their engagement at Chalauqua on Thursday.

—The residence of Joseph S. Gant, of Prince Frederick, Md., was totally destroyed by fire last Saturday. Mr. Gant and wife (formerly Virginia Dulaney) are spending their vacation in Washington—they both being teachers in Maryland.

—Mrs. Charles Devaux, of Savannah, Ga., and Miss Clara Devaux, sister-in-law, and sister to our friend Hon. James B. Devaux, have been visiting the North, "seeing the sights." These ladies left this city for Philadelphia this morning, where they will return home by steamer.

—John Wesley M. E. Zion Church, Connecticut avenue, between L and M streets, Rev. M. H. Ross, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. Subject: "Heavenly Felicity." At 8 p. m. Subject: "The Conduct of God towards Saints and Sinners." Sabbath School at 9 a. m. Prayer meeting at 7 p. m.

—William C. Chase, late editor of the *Free Lance*, appeared in the political arena, at Spottsylvania C. H., Friday, 13th inst. As usual, he created a sensation. This time he appeared as an opponent of John W. Woltz, whose cause he had editorially championed so zealously and so vigorously. He was literally flayed alive by Dick Laws and Rosier Beckley. The merciless scathing he received from William H. Lester, of Richmond, he will not forget for many a day. Indeed, it is said the women who were in attendance pleaded for mercy on him. Poor Chase!

—At a regular meeting of Company "A," Washington Cadets, held August 16th, at Shiloh Hall, the following named gentlemen were elected officers: George D. Graham, captain; Edward Brokenborough, 1st lieutenant; George S. Contee, 2d lieutenant; George H. Proctor, brevet 3d lieutenant; Jonathan R. Contee, Jr., 1st sergeant; Wm. A. Clark, 2d sergeant; John H. Saunders, 3d sergeant; L. Langhorn, 4th sergeant; Jas. H. Washington, 5th sergeant; A. G. Campbell, 1st corporal; Wm. Thompson, 2d corporal; Edward D. Nalle, 3d corporal; James A. Payne, 4th corporal; Samuel G. Wooding, 8th corporal; William H. Ingraham, 6th corporal; Marshall Smith, 7th corporal; Thos. Stoothers, 8th corporal.

—"In the good old days of yore," no place in our city was more noted for its hospitality than was the residence of our whole-souled friend Samuel Proctor, Esq. Since taking up his residence at his beautiful place near Rockville, we have mourned his loss—which was by no means our gain. "Though absent, not forgotten," is evidenced by an invitation now lying before us to attend a reception, held by himself and wife at their home near Rockville on Thursday evening, September 2. To the request please reply: "We have responded, as doubtless have all of those invited, 'accepting with thanks.'" We note that a special train conveys and returns the guests, leaving the Baltimore and Ohio depot here at 6 p. m. and returning at 11 p. m., in time for street cars,—the round trip charge of $1 covering all the expenses of the guests. One of the "bids" is a good thing to have in one's pocket; it means—

"There is a good time coming, boys!"

—The excursion to Carlin Springs, Virginia, last Tuesday, by Eureka Masonic Lodge, was very pleasant and enjoyable. The affair, though a public one, partook more of the nature of a private social gathering, owing principally to the fact that almost the entire company present were socially agreeable—many being old and intimate friends. Carlin Park is said to be a beautiful resort, and its surroundings far surpasses any public place of resort within a radius of forty miles from this city. Prof. Weber's orchestra furnished the music, which could not have been surpassed. Among the ladies and gentlemen present may be mentioned Trustee Jno. H. Brooks and family, Samuel Estren and family, Cornelius Clark and lady, Dr. Watts and family, Thomas Welch and lady, Thomas Barlow and lady, William H. Bruce, William Lucas, Mary Cook, Hitie Rives, William A. Taliaferro, Jno. L. Hickman and lady, the Misses Brown, Robert Cornell and family, Sarah Boudin, Mrs. Governor Gleaves, Robert Iverson and lady, Amelia Butler, J. A. Emerson, Jno. H. Smallwood and lady, Mrs. Jas. Roe, David Warner and lady, Samuel Middleton, Thomas B. Warrick, Mrs. William Day, Mrs. J. A. Johnson, George W. Williams and family Mrs. George W. Webster, and others whose names we fail to recall. A number of persons drove over to the Springs via of the Washington Aqueduct bridge.

A TRIP TO NORFOLK.

Mr. EDITOR:

Sir—Will you give a small space in your valuable paper to show the important work that is being carried on by our people in Norfolk, Va.

On the 14th instant, a company from Hillsdale, D. C., left on the steamer George Leary for Norfolk. We reached there at 8 a. m., after a pleasant ride, and were much pleased with the agreeable people we met on the steamer.

On arriving at Norfolk we took breakfast at Paige's Hotel; which, by the way, is in charge of Mr. Paige, a very accommodating gentleman. After breakfast, Mr. J. J. Johnson, of Norfolk, informed me as to the churches, and I accompanied Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson to the First Baptist Church and Sunday School, the superintendent being Mr. R. Bagnall, Jr.

The Sunday school is in a flourishing condition, numbering 134 scholars and 9 teachers. They also use the International Bible Lessons with great success. The superintendent and teachers deserve great credit for the manner in which the Sunday school is conducted and the high style of singing, which is conducted by Captain J. Gibson.

Upon being invited by the superintendent to make some remarks, I addressed the school on the "Importance of Time," and was listened to with great attention by the school.

The Methodist Church is preparing to rebuild. Our people are united in the churches, and, so far as I could learn, are doing well in the public schools, and are being prepared for a happy future. C. W. DAVIS.

G. U. O. of O. F.

Communications for this column should be addressed to "ODD FELLOWS' COLUMN," Peoples' Advocate.

Brief communications for this column are invited. It is as its name implies, devoted to the interests of the order.—Ed.

Delegates to the Grand Lodge, G. U. O. of O. F., from Lodge No. 1365, A. K. Manning, Andrew Robinson and Thomas Manning.

Fears have been expressed by many that the institution of Grand Lodges in the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, the only colored fraternity that has preserved through a generation its organization intact, is a step in the wrong direction.

We can not foretell their outcome; but with the self-denial, forbearance and perseverance, that come of fidelity to the principles of the Order, we are certain that this new feature will give uniformity and strengthen rather than confuse and weaken. Let every delegate, here and elsewhere, act patriotically and results will take care of themselves.

One thing is certain, the concentration of power in the S. C. M., including its responsibility for local abuses, was surely leading our A. C. M's to be great struggling bodies over offices rather than deliberative assemblies for the consideration of legislation. It is far better that there should be local contentions in grand lodges than in national gatherings, held from time to time all over the country, which, by their *personnel*, attract more or less general attention from the public at large. For a long time the American Negro will have much to learn in conducting these gatherings. Grand Lodges in which power and authority are carefully guarded will be better by far, both on individuals and the bodies they represent, than on an annual movable and ever changeable committees.

TO THE PUBLIC.

RICHMOND, VA.,
July 31st, 1880.

Owing to the meeting of the Teachers' Institute and a desire to further promote the aims and objects of the Society, the Executive Committee of the Virginia Educational and Historical Society have changed the time and place of meeting from July 15 to August 25, and from Norfolk, Va., to Lynchburg, Va.

PROGRAMME.

1. Welcome Address.....
2. The Public Debt and the Public Schools of Virginia Hon. R. G. Paige.
3. The Necessity for and Duty of the Virginia Educational and Historical Society. Prof. Jos. E. Jones.
4. Literary and Debating Societies. The best mode of conducting them and awakening and sustaining public interest in them. R. A. Tucker, Norfolk, Va., A. S. Pryor, Petersburg, Va; Robt. H. Hamilton, Hampton, Va.; James H. Johnson, Richmond, Va.
5. The progress of the race in acquiring homesteads, in following trades as a means of livelihood, and in business pursuits, the number pursuing collegiate or professional studies, in or out of the State; joint stock or corporative ventures in business. (Each member will give, orally or in writing, any facts he may have bearing on the different subjects.)
6. The Pulpit and its relation to promoting the temporal welfare of the people, including also its moral influence. Rev. W. H. Brooks.
7. The Press. The necessity for its promotion, including therein the reading best adapted to the circumstances and necessities of the race. W. C. Roane, D. N. Vassar, O. M. Steward.

Very truly yours,

M. L. WOOLFOLK,
Secretary Executive Committee.

It is the desire of the Association that the above-named gentlemen will prepare themselves accordingly, and be promptly on hand.

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